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LOK SABHA

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STONE PROCESSING UNITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of State`s where stone processing units have been set up so far State-wise;

(b) whether there is a vast scope to set up precious stone processing units in the KBK districts in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up such stone processing units in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a), (b) & (c) As per Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, a representative body of the trade sponsored by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, processing units of coloured gemstones are mainly located in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. Processing and export of coloured gemstones is mainly based on imported raw material. Because of short supply of imported rough coloured stones and inconsistent supply from within the country, there is not much scope for increase in setting up of processing units in KBK districts in Orissa. However, different varieties of gemstones in these areas could be processed, in case appropriate facilities are available. Government has no scheme for recognizing any stale for developing, processing and exports of gemstones.